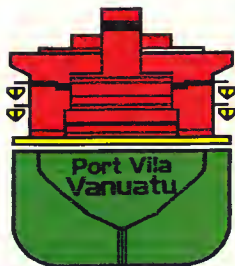


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# UPDATE

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APR-JUN 2009

*This Update is intended to keep our friends informed about what is new at VMSL, in Vanuatu and elsewhere.*

## EPIRB

RESCUE COORDINATION CENTERS WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE TRANSMISSIONS FROM 121.5 MHZ EPIRBs, ONLY DIGITAL 406 MHZ.

## LRIT

IMO transitional arrangement date for **LRIT is 1 July 2009**. Everyone must submit the information for conformance testing as soon as possible. **DO NOT DELAY!**

## INSPECTION CAMPAIGN

The Paris and Tokyo MOU countries will begin a joint inspection campaign to ensure compliance with SOLAS chapter III from 9 September 2009.

The focus will be on lifesaving appliances and arrangements with regard to lifeboat launching. A list of 20 specific items to verify critical areas for the safety of lifeboat launching arrangements will be used.

## IMO STANDARDS FOR SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS

The Code will require an investigation be conducted for every "very serious marine casualty", defined as a marine casualty involving the total loss of the ship, a death or severe damage to the environment.

The Code also recommends an investigation into other marine casualties and incidents, by flag states. The information collected would be used to help prevent further casualties/incidents.

VMSL Senior Manager, Safety, Quality and Security, Captain Michael DeCharles, has completed a week course at the USA National Transportation Safety Board studying the new IMO Code.

## SAFETY ALERT

Someone has been producing fake copies of Hydrostatic Release Units, the Hammer H20. To an untrained eye, the copy is almost identical to the original product, with Hammer's logo and address on the labels. The fake might look almost like the real thing, but there is one important difference: **the copy does not work!**

The serial number and production date can always be checked by contacting CM Hammer at, [info@cmhammer.com](mailto:info@cmhammer.com)

## USA COAST GUARD

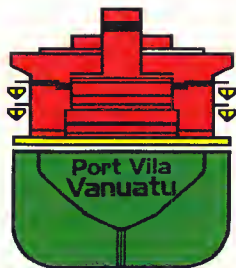
Any vessel either coming to the USA or within 12 miles from shore must ensure all crew members have acceptable identification documents.

## DRILLING RIGS AND MARPOL ANNEX VI

All offshore drilling rigs, support units, accommodation rigs, fixed and floating platforms, and offshore vessels of more than 400 gt fall within the IMO fuel regulations. The sulphur content of the fuel oil used on board should not exceed 4.5%. This will be reduced to 3.5% from January 2012. Working in the North Sea content has to be down to 1.5%.

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## UPDATE

1/09

JAN-MAR 2009

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### **VANUATU MARITIME SERVICES LIMITED — MOVED**

VMSL has moved to Suite 2020 at 39 Broadway, New York, New York 10006, just across the street from our old location. Phone, fax, and email address remain unchanged. **Please be sure to note your records.**

### **LRIT**

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### **VMSL**

VMSL has recently completed its external ISO 9001 audit. We are pleased to announce that no deficiencies, recommendations or non conformities were found.

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### **UNWANTED GUESTS**

One evening recently an FSPO at anchor was visited by a group of unwanted guests. They boarded the vessel via the hawse pipes, entered the paint locker and made off with all the paint. The following day the loss was discovered. Local Port and Police authorities were notified. Authorities went to a local shop and discovered the paint was for sale. Arrests were made and the FSPO recovered the paint. Lookouts/watchmen are to keep a proper watch.

### **VMSL CONSULTS**

Recently Captain Art Bjorkner, VMSL Executive Vice President, was invited by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to consult on the operations/security/quality on a proposal for building an ice breaking research vessel.

### **OFFICER LICENSE AND SEAFARER APPLICATIONS**

Officer License and Seafarer Applications may now be filled out on line and printed for signature and mailing. Proceed to our website: Downloads, Seafarer Documents, type in the information and print. Kudos to our IT Manager Sebastien Lanteigne.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

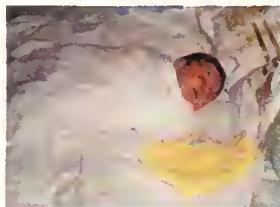
It is with great pleasure we congratulate Magdalena (Magda) Marocik on receiving her United States citizenship on 9 January 2009. Magda joined the VMSL family in October 2008.



**IT Manager from Vila  
with NY Office**



**Retirement dinner  
for Don Sheetz**



**Nazha Talmi's new  
baby girl**



**Magda with citizen-  
ship certificate**



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## FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 08097.GEN

RE: UPDATE TO FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 080905.GEN / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
REQUIRED FOR LONG-RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS (LRIT)

**Save this Date: DECEMBER 31, 2008 - LRIT Compliance Deadline**

CLS, the organization contracted by the Vanuatu government to conduct conformance tests on its behalf, has recently advised VMSL that additional data is required in order to complete conformance testing.

*In addition* to the equipment manufacturer & model number and, the serial number of the designated SAT C or Mini-C installed on each vessel, the following information is required:

1. Gross Tonnage (ITC Tonnage)
2. SN numbers for Mini-C only
3. Firmware & version for the LRIT designated terminal
4. Sea areas in which vessel is authorized to operate
5. Date of last radio installation survey

Please note: when completing the attached form, list only one terminal with which you choose to transmit and receive LRIT data. If you submit more than one terminal, VMS will choose one terminal to submit to CLS.

Please complete the attached revised form and submit it to Ms. Dee Rescigno by email at [drescigno@vanuatuships.com](mailto:drescigno@vanuatuships.com). You may also contact Dee should you have questions regarding LRIT compliance.

Best Regards,

*Dee Rescigno*

Senior Manager  
Vessel Documentation and Customer Relations

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22 January 2009

## FLEET / SAFETY LETTER 09.GEN

RE: BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR SAFETY LETTER

As we begin the New Year we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2009

The registry ended the year over 600 vessels, and our focus continues on operating a quality and safety conscious registry.

### OVER THE PAST YEAR – 2008:

- PSC detentions of Vanuatu vessels remained low but up from last year (9)
- The number of safety inspections completed was the highest we have ever conducted :241
- Personnel injuries were higher than previous years; unfortunately deaths increased from last year.(10) Three (3) deaths were from natural causes, (1) suicide (1)from injuries sustained from taking a wave on deck, one (1) from drowning when vessel sank, one (4) from injuries sustain from working on deck.
- False EPIRB alerts continue to average about three (3) per month.
- (4) fires
- (3) Collisions/Allisions
- (2) Groundings

### 2008 CASUALTY HIGHLIGHTS:

The total number of casualty reports submitted in 2007 was down from the previous year. A few of the more significant incidents are highlighted here:

- Tool pusher killed by dislodged object when heavy lift slip and landed hard on deck.
- Lifeboat lost from secured position during storm

### INVESTIGATIONS

A new Code, to replace the existing Code for the investigation of marine casualties and incidents will be come into effect in 2010.

### LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS (LRIT)

LRIT is mandatory as of 30 December 2008. Vessels requiring the LIRT must have it operational as noted below. LIRT is required for the following ships on international voyages: passenger ships, including high-speed craft; cargo ships, of 300 gross tonnage and upward; and mobile offshore drilling units.

Ships constructed on or after 31 December 2008 must be fitted with a system to transmit automatically the identity of the ship, the position and the date and time of the position provided.

Ships constructed before 31 December 2008 and certified for operations in sea area A1 and A2, or A1, A2 and A3, must be fitted with the equipment not later than the first survey of the radio installation after 31 December 2008.

Ships constructed before 31 December 2008 and certified for operations in sea area A1, A2, A3 and A4, must comply not later than the first survey of the radio installation after 1 July 2009 (but must comply earlier, as above if they operate within sea areas A2 and A3).

Ships operating exclusively in sea area A1 and fitted with an automatic identification system (AIS) are exempted from the requirement to transmit LRIT information.

The LRIT system is intended to be operational with respect to the transmission of LRIT information by ships from 30 December 2008. However, a Transitional Period has been established from 31 December 2008 to and including 30 June 2009 wherein vessels fitted with the LRIT do not have to transmit, but vessels still must be fitted, tested and in compliance.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

We ask you to please provide this office with the 24/7 contact information shore side for each of your vessels. We need this contact information in case we receive an EPRIB, Security or Incident Alert that and we need to communicate with you to report or obtain a status report.

If contact cannot be made within two (2) hours, fines will be imposed!!

Best regards,



Captain Michael DeCharles  
Senior Manager Safety Security and Quality.

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